REMARKS

For the record, Applicant notes that in an Advisory Action dated July 28, 2004, the

Examiner took the position that claim amendments presented in an Amendment and Response

filed June 18, 2004, would not be entered since the amendments would raise new issues that

would require further consideration and/or search. Pursuant to such Advisory Action, Applicant

has cancelled Claims 24-31 hereinabove and expressly reserves the right to further pursue such

Claims in a subsequent application.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for

allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation

would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned.

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